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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 3303

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, BR
SUBJ: CNO LETTER TO BRAZILIAN CNO

REF: ADMIRAL HOLLOWAYS'S APRIL 9 LETTER TO ADMIRAL ESPELLET

1. IN REVIEWING INFORMATION COPY OF ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S APRIL 9, 1977 LETTER TO BRAZILIAN CNO, WHICH AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH ATTACHE CHANNEL, WE BELIEVE THIRD PARAGRAPH REFERENCE TO AVAILABILITY OF MARK 37 TORPEDOS COULD LEAD TO SOME CONFUSION ON PART OF BRAZILIANS IN WAKE OF THEIR RENUNCIATION OF FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE. BRAZIL MAY NO LONGER BE AN ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE FROM US SOURCES FOR CASH AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION, TRANSACTION SUCH AS ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY SUGGESTS FOR TORPEDOS, WHICH WE ASSUME TO BE FMS CASH DEAL, SHOULD THEREFORE BE INITIATED BEFORE THAT DATE.

2. BRAZILIAN MILITARY/NAVAL OFFICIALS HAVE EXHIBITED SOME CONFUSION ABOUT PRECISELY WHICH ELEMENTS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE THEY THINK THEY HAVE RENOUNCED. MILITARY MAY HAVE ORIGINALLY ASSUMED THAT THEIR RENUNCIATION DID NOT AFFECT BRAZIL' S
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ABILITY TO MAKE FMS CASH PURCHASES. GOB IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THEIR RENUNCIATION AND DENUNCIATION OF MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY, BUT ADMIRAL'S OFFER WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION MIGHT LEAD GOB TO BELIEVE THAT FMS CASH CHANNEL WOULD STILL BE OPEN AFTER FY-77.

3. WE HAVE HELD UP DELIVERY OF ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S LETTER PENDING

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FURTHER CLARIFICATION, BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO DELIVER THE LETTER AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED PROVIDED ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY UNDERSTANDS WE WOULD AT DELIVERY INFORM BRAZILIAN NAVY OF THE POSSIBLE NEED TO ENTER TORPEDO TRANSACTION BEFORE THE END OF FY-77. WE ALSO WOULD PROPOSE TO EXPLAIN THAT BRAZILIAN ELIGIBILITY TO USE FY-77 SECURITY ASSISTANCE TERMINATES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1977.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S REFERENCED LETTER TO BRAZILIAN CNO. IT IS UNCLEAR HERE WHETHER OR NOT DEPARTMENT CLEARED LETTER.
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